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HARTFORD CITY HALL

Council Urges Clarke To Quit

Colleagues Spurn Leader Amid Sexual Harassment Claims

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HARTFORD — City council members on Thursday called for their president, Thomas "TJ" Clarke II, to resign, two days after revelations that a former council aide accused him of sexual harassment.

The former employee filed a complaint with the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities last week charging that Clarke sent her inappropriate text messages remarking on her appearance and inquiring about her relationship status. The complaint was forwarded to the city and made public on Tuesday.

"Based on the evidence presented to date, the conduct is unbecoming of an elected official, therefore we call for the Council President to resign from his leadership role," Clarke's eight colleagues wrote in a statement. "We further believe that it is in the best interest of the city and public trust if he steps down from council."

Clarke's behavior requires "a full examination of the city's sexual harassment policies to ensure we are not condoning or permitting conduct which is unacceptable," they wrote.

CLARKE, A4

THE council has urged Thomas "TJ" Clarke II to resign.

NEW JAN. 19 DEADLINE

Federal Funding Stopgap Passes

Congress Avoids Shutdown; Other Issues Unresolved

By MIKE DEBONIS and ERICA WERNER
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WASHINGTON — Congress passed a stopgap spending bill Thursday, averting a partial government shutdown at midnight Friday but pushing into January showdowns on spending, immigration, health care and national security.

Among the issues still to be resolved is federal aid for victims of recent hurricanes and wildfires. The House on Thursday passed a separate $81 billion disaster relief bill, but the Senate did not immediately take it up amid Democratic objections.

The stopgap extends federal funding through Jan. 19 and provides temporary extensions of the Children's Health Insurance Program, which has languished politically since it expired in October, a veterans health-care program and a warrantless surveillance program set to expire Jan. 1.

CONGRESS, A4

Postponed Bills

Despite approving a stopgap government funding measure, Congress pushed into January discussions on:

- Long-term government funding
- Immigration
- Health care
- National security
- Federal disaster aid*

**The House passed an $81 billion disaster relief bill Thursday, but the Senate did not immediately take it up.*

SANTA'S WORKSHOP AT WICKHAM PARK

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HER CHRISTMAS WISH

AN EXCITED Adeline LaCroix, 3, of Glastonbury, meets Santa at the 34th annual Santa's Workshop at Manchester's Wickham Park Thursday. Children of all ages can enjoy visits with Santa and his elves, and refreshments with Mrs. Claus, from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

FATAL HOUSE FIRE

2nd Body Found In Fire Wreckage

Police Seek One For Questioning

By NICHOLAS RONDINONE and DAVID OWENS
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GRISWOLD — Investigators probing the deaths of two people found in the burned wreckage of a Griswold home said Thursday they have a person of interest in the case.

State police did not identify the person as "detectives follow all leads" and the investigation continues. No charges had been filed as of Thursday evening.

The fire was first reported at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday at 70 Kenwood Estates. Video captured by neighbor Bob Bromley and posted on social media shows flames engulfing the home.

About 40 miles away a car registered to the homeowners was found burning in Glastonbury.

GRISWOLD, A4

Police Dog 'Texas' Missing

Bloodhound Lost After Search For Missing Man

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A missing brown bloodhound has triggered an extensive search by state and local police in the southwestern part of the state. Texas, a nonaggressive 2-year-old male wearing a green tracking vest, was

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lost during a search Wednesday.

Texas was involved in a search for a missing autistic man when his handler let go of the leash as he navigated rocky terrain.

State police helicopters from New York and Connecticut were searching for Texas, who began K-9 training as a puppy and has since rescued several

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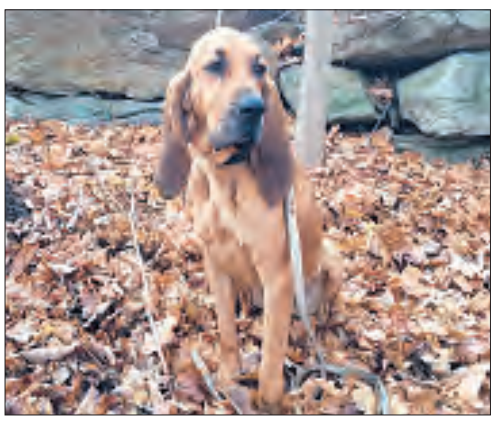

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THE POLICE DOG Texas is a nonaggressive bloodhound, state police say, who went missing after a search for a person in Danbury Wednesday night. Anyone with information should contact Troop A at 203-267-2200.

Deadline For Sign-Ups
Consumers have until midnight tonight to sign up for 2018 health coverage or face penalties.
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Oldman's V For Victory
Gary Oldman delivers an Oscar-worthy performance as Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour."
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Tony DiCicco Awarded
Wethersfield's Tony DiCicco has been posthumously awarded U.S. Soccer's highest honor.
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7 Dirty Words To Avoid
Gina Barreca opines on the seven words the president says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should avoid. Opinion, Page A7

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